

# City of Independence

## 2014 Report



# Derrill Unruh resigned as City Commissioner.



Gary Hogsett was sworn in as City Commissioner.



# Administration

- 10th & Chestnut scheduled to bid spring 2015
- North 10th overlay completed March 2014
- 5 Year Street Improvement Program to be updated spring 2015
- CDBG Curb Ramps - Phase I complete; Phase II scheduled for completion January/February 2015
- Southeast Lift Station completed December 2014
- Awarded bid for Birdie Lift Station
- 24th Street Lift Station completed Spring 2014

*(c) mogaevent 2014*



Partnered with Chamber to co-sponsor a monthly community update (First Fridays).



# Administration

- **Participated in organization of the 2014 Awards Banquet**
- **Co-Sponsored the Courageous Conversations About Race**
- **Renewed franchise agreement with Westar**
- **City Manager traveled to Chicago for economic development**
- **Authorized Heartland Vietnam Veterans to install a memorial to be located near the airplane at Riverside Park**
- **Issued IRB's for Cessna**
- **Customer Service training – KU Public Management Center**



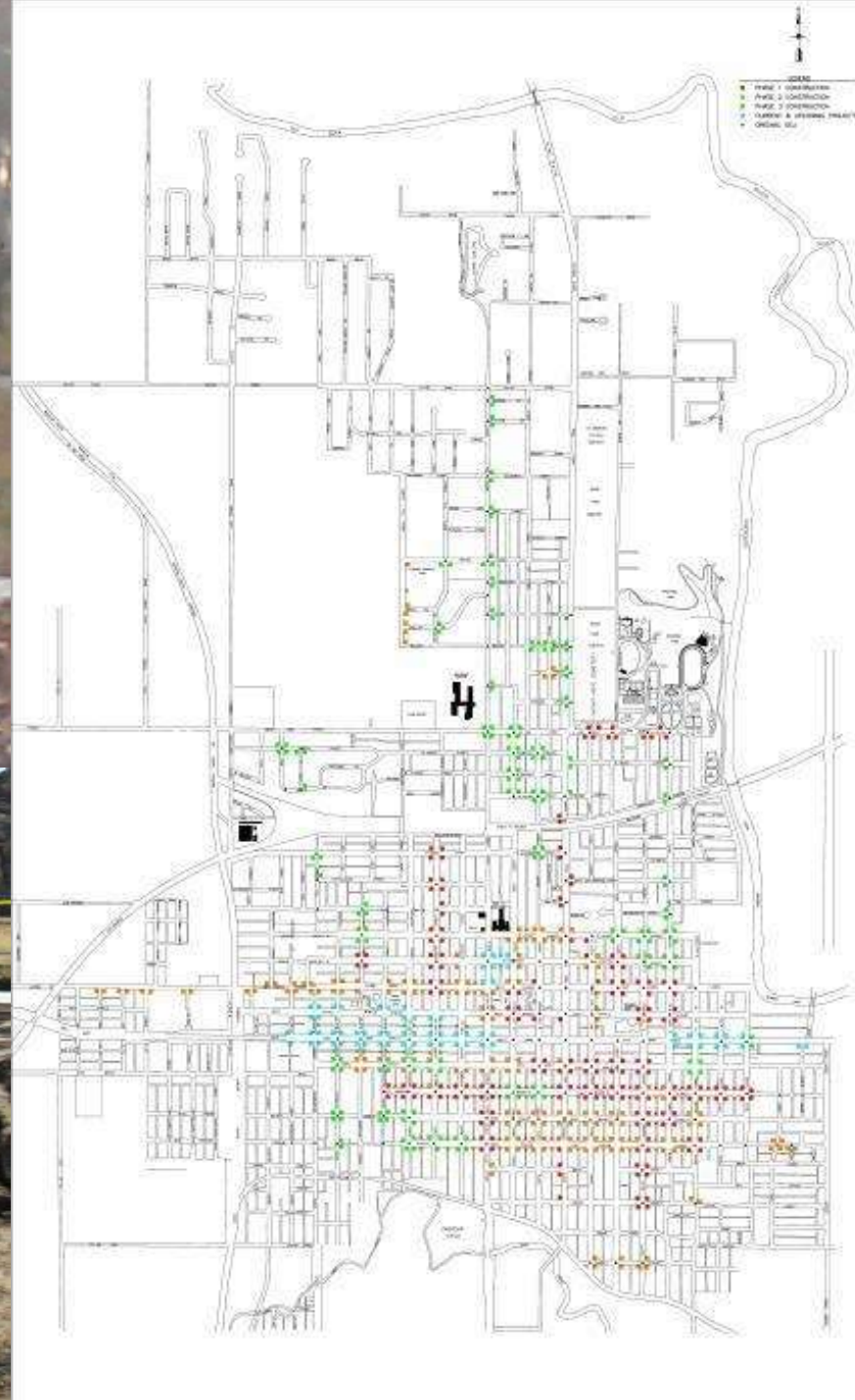
# Administration

- Partnered with the Independence Historic Resource Commission to add a residence at 500 E. Maple, City Hall and Stich Shelter House to the local historic register
- The City assisted with the 1st Annual ASTRA Festival.
- The City partnered with the PRIDE Committee to add landscaping and lighting to the East entrance sign.
- Funded replacement of pool chairs, large tent structure and regular shade structure; and painting the lazy river/play area and restroom floors at the aquatic center
- Awarded \$400,000 for Phase III CDBG curb ramps.
- Authorized repairs to the library windows utilizing Quality of Life Funds
- Worked with Building Supervisory Committee and Montgomery County Action Council to sell the International Mall (incubator building).
- Contracted for construction of a new ticket booth to be funded by FORPAZ.
- Contracted for architectural services to replace the train canopy, repair the train depot, address drainage and construct ADA access to the miniature train.
- KLINK Resurfacing Award on U.S. 160 from Park Blvd to Cement Street for FY2016 and Geometric Improvement Award on U.S. 75/Peter Pan Road intersection for FY2017





Received bids and started construction of ADA curb ramps with 267 completed in 2014 for a total of 630 completed to date (133 in 2012 and 230 in 2013). 314 ramps are being bid out in 2015.





# Administration

- **SHULTHIS STADIUM PROJECT**
  - Phase 1 was completed
  - Phase 2 is currently under review by the stadium committee





# Administration

- Assistant City Manager served on local committees, clubs and organizations; President of Rotary, Chamber's Economic Development Committee, Diversity Taskforce, City liaison to Building Supervisory Committee (for management of downtown incubators) and Zoning Administrator to Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals.
- Partnered with the Recreation Commission on an interlocal cooperation agreement for management of the aquatic center.
- Contracted and completed installation of City Logo on Water Tower.

# Administration

- Long Range Capital Improvement Plans
- Water & Sanitary Sewer scheduled for completion in Spring 2015
- Storm Sewer & Street scheduled to start in Spring 2015
- Participated in Roger Brooks seminar and developed City goals.
- Contracted for professional landscape architectural design services for City signage features and renovation of downtown streetscape by Indigo Designs.
- Quality of Life Video completed.
- Fountain – Approved agreement with Hofer and Hofer and Associates for reconstruction.
- New Playground equipment installed (funded by FORPAZ)



# Administration

Zoning: C2

Zoom to

- In addition to the water/sewer capital improvement information, the following layers were added to the beta GIS system by TranSystems in 2014:

- Addresses
- Parcels
- Zoning
- Leaf Pickup Map
- Storm Spotter Map
- Proposed Floodplain

# Planning Commission Board of Appeals

## Approvals/**Denials**

| ACTION                    | DESCRIPTION  |
|---------------------------|--|
| 4 Conditional Use Permits | <b>400-406 S Penn (appliance repair) [WITHDRAWN]</b> ; 408 S. 2nd (daycare); 506 S. 10 <sup>th</sup> (antique retail); and 724 S. 6 <sup>th</sup> (daycare).   |
| 6 Variances               | 422 E. Main (setback); 305-311 N. 8 <sup>th</sup> (number of signs); 915 N. Penn (number of signs); 111 E. Laurel/224 N. Penn (number of signs); 210 N. 4 <sup>th</sup> (sign size); and 1325 N. Penn (setback). |
| 2 Rezoning                | <b>400-406 S. Penn (R-3 to C-2) [WITHDRAWN] and 400-406 S. Penn (R-3 to C-5) [DENIED ON A 2 YEA/1 NAY VOTE WITH A VALID PETITION FILED]</b>  |





# Public Safety

## David Cowan, Public Safety Director

- Safety/Work Comp
- Fire/EMS
  - Building
  - Condemnations/Code Enforcement
- Police
  - Animal Control





Received “Gold Star”  
from KMIT for 10<sup>th</sup> Year  
in a row – 10% discount  
on premiums  
{Collaborative efforts of  
all departments &  
employees of the City  
to achieve this goal}

# Safety/Work Comp

| Year | Claims Paid* | Reported Accidents |
|------|--------------|--------------------|
| 2008 | \$159,823.53 | 31                 |
| 2009 | \$42,798.01  | 15                 |
| 2010 | \$206,348.57 | 22                 |
| 2011 | \$44,687.75  | 16                 |
| 2012 | \$71,729.00  | 16                 |
| 2013 | \$35,986.00  | 11                 |
| 2014 | \$15,543.00  | 29**               |

\*Claims Paid does not include future costs for any open claims.

\*\*In 2014 IMA started requiring all incidents be reported, even if the employee refused treatment.



# Safety/Work Comp

- Health Fair June 2014 – Successful event
- Animal bites policy – Introduced policy and required training to prevent animal bites
- Near Misses Policy – In an effort to prevent accidents the committee encouraged near misses to be reported
- Safety Committee began effort of inspecting all city vehicles
- Introduced policy requiring proper installation, maintenance of Fire Extinguishers and First Aid kits in the vehicles. All city vehicles also have markings indicating the location of the equipment.



# Safety/Work Comp

- Back up alarms – Required back up alarms on all equipment and pickups
- Orientation of Employees – Worked to improve department orientation and training of new employees
- Atmos Energy – Special presentation on Gas safety at quarterly meeting
- Flu Shots – coordinated the yearly flu shots at City Hall.





# Fire/EMS

**The EMS/Fire department responded to 2,396 medical calls in 2014.** This includes 1,700 emergency calls, and 696 non-emergency calls. 1,681 calls were in the City limits and 407 calls were outside the City limits. There were 322 out of town transfers. The average response time to a call in 2014 was 3.38 minutes, which is slightly higher than last year's response time of 3.23 minutes. This department generated \$711,102.57 in revenue in 2014.



- ❑ 5 Employees attended the Fire Academy in Hutchinson for HazMat, Firefighter I and Firefighter II training.
- ❑ Firefighter/Paramedic Steve Gas was nominated for “Firefighter of the Year” with the Veterans of Foreign Wars organization.

# Fire/EMS Department

- ▣ The EMS/Fire Department responded to 449 fire calls in 2014:
  - 22 structure fires (22 homes)
  - 1 trash fire
  - 10 brush/grass fires
  - 6 vehicle fires
  - 71 false alarms.
  - 133 medical assists.
  - 121 hazardous materials or other hazardous responses
- ▣ Completed 2,867 hours of fire and EMS continuing education training.
- ▣ Fire Prevention
  - Made 1,965 student contacts for fire prevention education
  - Performed 37 fire prevention inspections
  - Installed 15 home smoke detectors in 9 homes and 20 home CO2 detectors in 15 homes.





# Building

In 2014 28 residential, 23 commercial and industrial building permits were issued which reflected \$291,621 in new residential and \$2,428,064 in commercial and industrial construction. There were 59 electrical and plumbing permits issued totaling \$885.

- Conducted 12 fire suppression equipment inspections at the library, Memorial Hall, Penn Terrace and group home at 920 E. Cedar.
- Performed 14 rental inspections for the Housing Authority of which almost 80% failed the first inspection.
- Performed 24 inspections from rental housing complaints, all of which were substantiated.
- Completed 8 hours of continuing education.

|                          |             |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| Collected permit fees    | \$12,922    |
| Total building valuation | \$2,720,570 |
| Total permits issued     | 110         |



# Condemnations/ Code Enforcement

- 33 structures were condemned in 2014.
- 67 condemnations were rescinded.
- 11 condemned structures were removed by the City.
- 2 condemned structures were removed by property owners.
- 2 condemned structures were repaired by property owners and removed from the condemnation list.
- Sent out 527 weed nuisance notices which resulted in 412 work orders for City crews to mow tall grass. 96 notices of other types of environmental violations were issued which include junk cars, trash, etc.





# Police

- During 2014 the Police Department received 16,071 calls for service through dispatch. A total of 2,834 incident and crime reports were taken by Police personnel. 308 vehicle accidents were investigated. 752 felony and misdemeanor arrests were executed. Over 917 misdemeanor offense and traffic violations were filed into Municipal Court by the Independence Police Department.
- Worked with local school district with School Resource Officer, estimated time spent in schools at 1,250 hours.
- On going crime prevention efforts-the department performed numerous house watches and extra patrols, as well as speaking about crime prevention at various clubs and organizations.
- Purchased 4 Coban, in car video systems. This will ensure that all vehicles on patrol will have a video camera for traffic stops and other responses.



# Police

- Patrol conducted multiple seat-belt enforcement checkpoints throughout the year, utilizing a statewide program initiated by KHP.
- Added two SUV units to the fleet of Police vehicles.
- Lt Charlie Benedict conducted 4 Women's Self Defense courses with approximately 75 women attending to learn how to help protect themselves.
- Dispatchers were certified in Emergency Fire and Police Dispatch through Priority Dispatch, to complement the EMD certifications the dispatchers currently hold.
- Police Captain, Lisa Helkenberg, completed the CPM (Certified Public Management) course, which involved months worth of classes in SE Kansas, and a final Capstone project.
- Chief of Police, Harry E. Smith, was appointed by the Governor to the Kansas 911 Coordinating Council.
- Relocated public safety antennas



# CPM Graduation

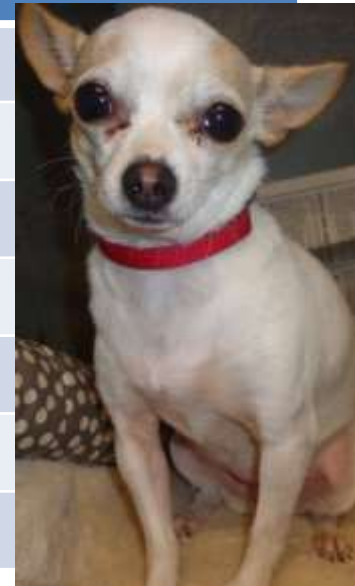
Lisa Helkenberg completed the  
Certified Public Manager's Program  
in November.



# Animal Control



|                              | Dogs  | Cats   | Total |
|------------------------------|-------|--------|-------|
| Citations Issued             | 15    | 0      | 15    |
| Taken to AWOL By City        | 284   | 189    | 473   |
| Taken to AWOL by Public      | 152   | 102    | 254   |
| Adopted                      | 131   | 119    | 250   |
| Reclaimed                    | 156   | 21     | 177   |
| Euthanized                   | 149   | 151    | 300   |
| Low Cost Spay/Neuter Program | 92/64 | 164/80 | 400   |

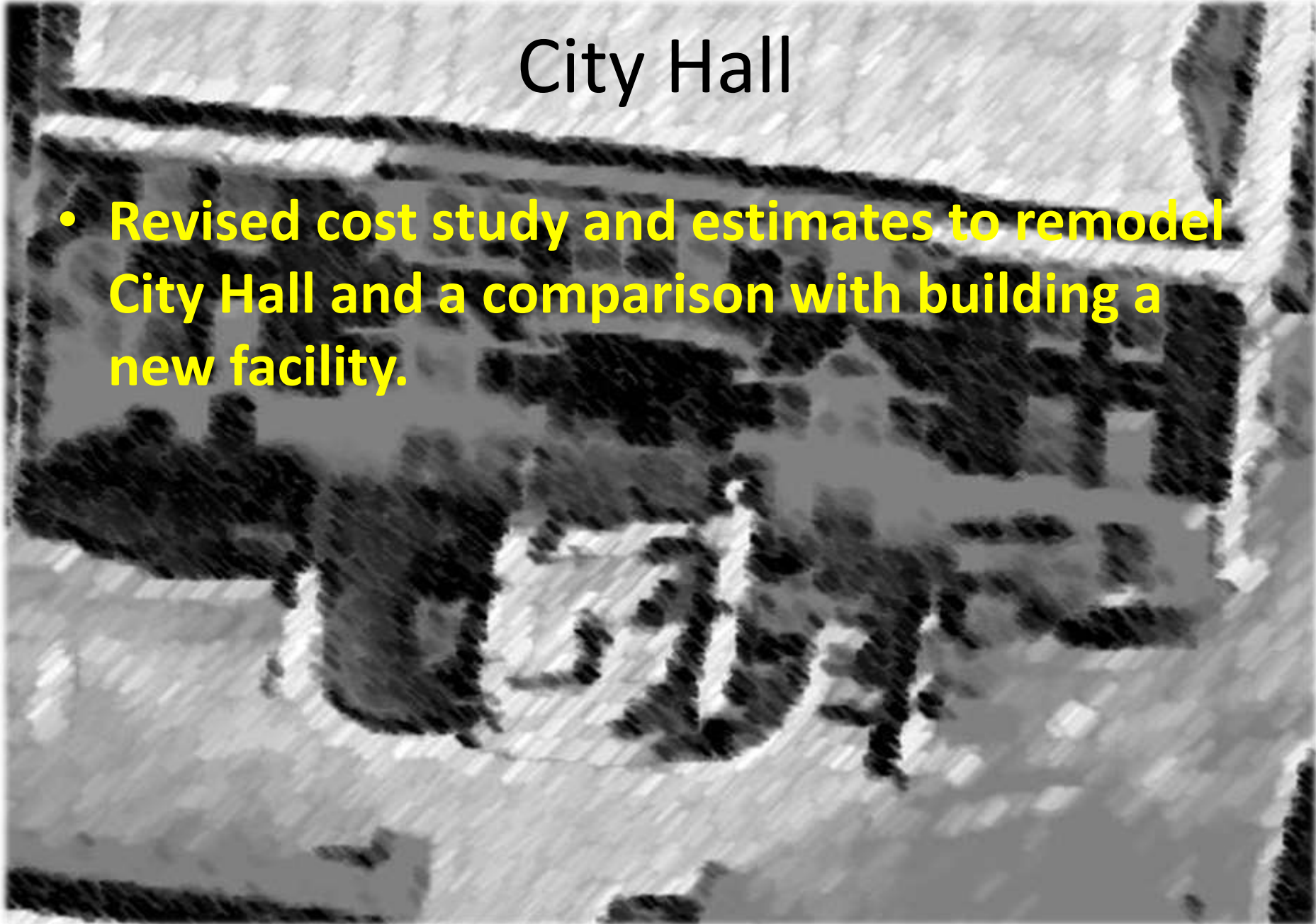


AWOL processed 727 animals in 2014, 59% were adopted or reclaimed (66% of the dogs and 48% of the cats). The AWOL facilities consist of 16 cat cages and 16 dog runs, each cage can accommodate up to 2 adult animals.



# City Hall

- Revised cost study and estimates to remodel City Hall and a comparison with building a new facility.



# Finance/City Clerk's Office

|   |        |             |
|---|--------|-------------|
| City Licenses                               | 1194   | \$23,286    |
| CMB/Alcohol Licenses                        | 28     | \$3,500.00  |
| Pet Licenses (442 dogs/91 cats/1 pit bulls) | 534    | \$2,143.00  |
| Utility Payments                            | 51,612 | \$3,360,375 |
| Rummage Sale Permits                        | 392    | \$980       |
| Meters read per month                       | 4,301  | N/A         |

The Finance/City Clerk's Office collected \$24,222,738 in revenue in 2014.



# Municipal Court

- ▣ 917 cases filed
  - 40 trials
  - 613 found guilty
  - 49 diversions
  - 202 dismissed
- ▣ 40 DUI's filed\*
  - 13 trials
  - 9 found guilty
  - 24 diversions
  - 17 dismissals
- ▣ \$169,137 in revenue from court fines



\*Included in total cases filed.



# Housing

## April Nutt, Housing Director



- Received a \$100,000 Tenant Based Rental Assistance Grant November 2014.
- Provided \$75,000 to the City of Independence for the removal of unsafe structures. January to December 2014.
- Provide management, maintenance and administrative oversight for SeeKan CDI, a Regional Community Development Housing Organization. These 17 units are located in Chanute, Altoona, Thayer, Neodesha, Cedar Vale, and Sedan. July 2014.
- Purchased a Maintenance Warehouse. November 2014.
- Passed a REAC Inspection with a score of 98b.
- Upgraded 4 units to vinyl flooring.



# Public Works

## Mike Passauer, Public Works Director

- Airport
- Memorial Hall
- Sanitation
- Street



# Airport



- In 2014 174,807 gallons of fuel were sold by the City (57,997 gallons of av gas and 116,810 gallons of jet fuel) which generated \$614,324.
- Mapped electrical wiring.
- Rehabilitated Taxiway C from Runway 17/35 west.
- Rehabilitated Runway 17/35.
- Refurbished Av Gas and Jet A fuel tanks at the airport



# Memorial Hall

|                    | CHARGE     | N/C        | GRAND TOTALS | Neewollah  |
|--------------------|------------|------------|--------------|------------|
| Civic Center       | 30         | 49         | 79           | 20         |
| Kitchen            | 24         | 29         | 53           | 20         |
| Gallery            | 11         | 115        | 126          | 5          |
| Veteran's Rm       | 8          | 102        | 110          | 0          |
| American Legion    | 1          | 18         | 19           | 0          |
| VFW                | 2          | 7          | 9            | 0          |
| Patriot            | 10         | 3          | 13           | 3          |
| Spanish            | 1          | 0          | 1            | 0          |
| Green Room         | 6          | 15         | 21           | 18         |
| Lobby              | 9          | 21         | 30           | 25         |
| Auditorium         | 12         | 27         | 39           | 28         |
| <b>TOTAL USAGE</b> | <b>114</b> | <b>386</b> | <b>500</b>   | <b>119</b> |

*In 2014 Memorial Hall generated \$27,358 in rental income.*



# Memorial Hall

- **MEMORIAL HALL ADA – PUNCH LIST**
- **MEMORIAL HALL SECURITY SYSTEM UPGRADE**



# Sanitation



- The sanitation department picked up an estimated 6,830 tons of garbage in 2014.
- 74 8-yard residential dumpsters were set.
- 35 appliance work orders were picked up.
- 188 miscellaneous work orders.
- Participated in Neewollah clean up and provided dumpster for earth day.
- Organized, participated and partnered with other entities for the first annual community clean up day.

**This department generated \$1,092,612 in revenue in 2014.**





# Street

**Notice to proceed issued in July of 2014 for reconstruction of West Main from 10<sup>th</sup> to the Overpass. Construction completion scheduled for August 2015**



**Contracted for milling and resurfacing of the following local streets:**

- 1. 10th Street From Main South to Railroad tracks**
- 2. Laurel Street from 10th west to Highway 160.**
- 3. 6th Street from Main to Chestnut then on Chestnut 6th to Penn avenue**
- 4. Popular Street from 10th east to 2nd.**

**Partnered with Montgomery County to overlay Cement Street from Main to the South City limits and split the cost.**



# Street



- ▣ Repaired 5 storm drain lids.
- ▣ Removed 14 large trees on City rights-of-way.
- ▣ Completed 1,225 work orders for brush pickup.
- ▣ Contracted replacement of storm sewer at 4<sup>th</sup> and Cottonwood.
- ▣ Replaced 146 linear feet of storm drain pipe.
- ▣ Cleaned 850 linear feet of ditch line.
- ▣ Performed leaf pickup.
- ▣ Performed ice and snow removal.
- ▣ Hung seasonal banners and lights.
- ▣ Picked up and installed community Christmas tree.
- ▣ Installed street & traffic signs.
- ▣ Participated in community cleanup and Neewollah cleanup.
- ▣ Purchased used mobile office for street department.
- ▣ Assisted other departments as needed.
- ▣ Purchased a new loader.



# Park, Zoo and Cemetery

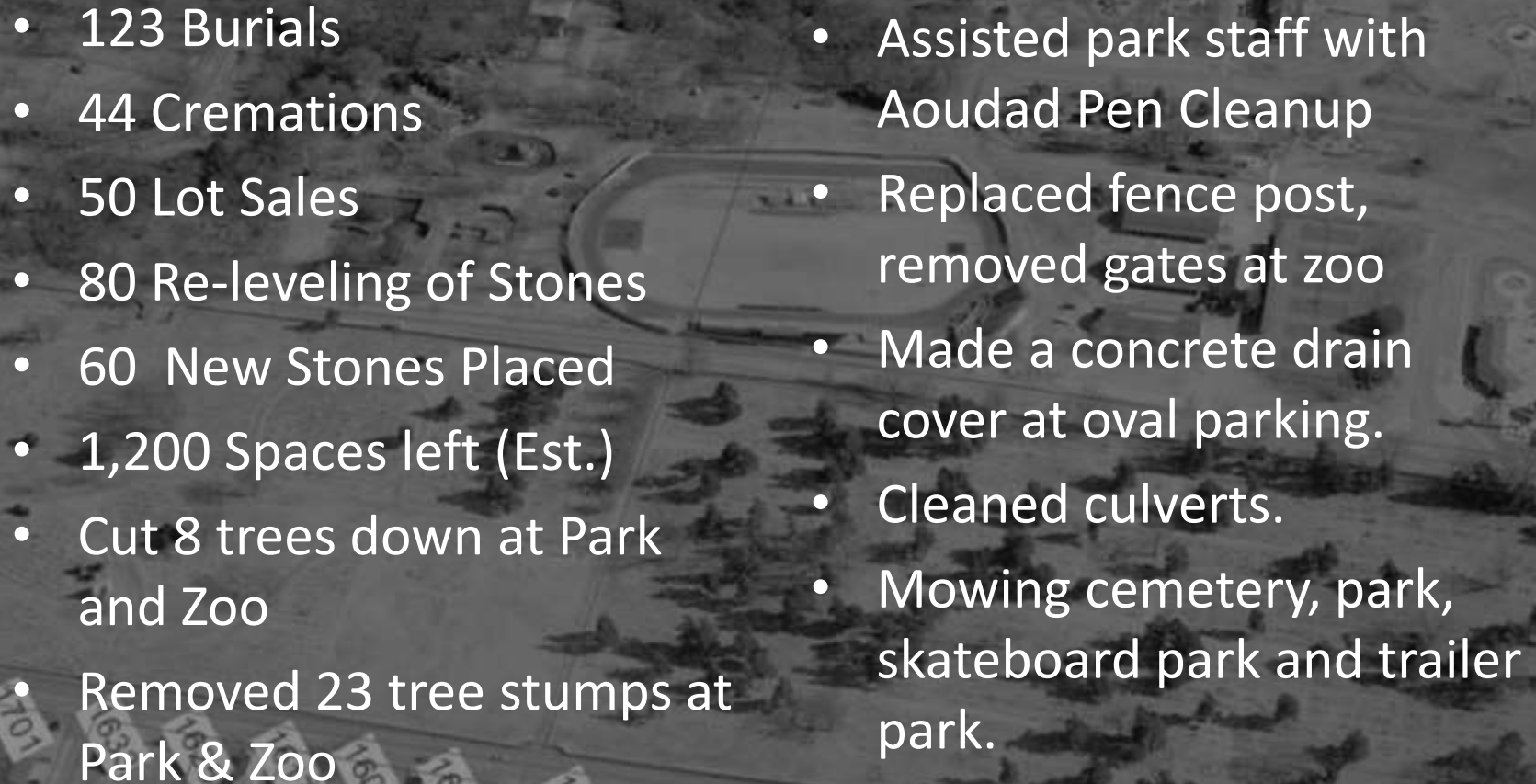
## Barb Beurskens

### Park & Zoo Director



*Koschin 2012*

# 2014 Year End Cemetery

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- 123 Burials
  - 44 Cremations
  - 50 Lot Sales
  - 80 Re-leveling of Stones
  - 60 New Stones Placed
  - 1,200 Spaces left (Est.)
  - Cut 8 trees down at Park and Zoo
  - Removed 23 tree stumps at Park & Zoo
  - Assisted park staff with Aoudad Pen Cleanup
  - Replaced fence post, removed gates at zoo
  - Made a concrete drain cover at oval parking.
  - Cleaned culverts.
  - Mowing cemetery, park, skateboard park and trailer park.



# Cemetery – Page 2



**Purchased a Kubota Utility Vehicle  
Purchased 1 - 48" Hustler Mowers  
Purchased 4 - Echo Weedeaters.  
Hired New Full-time Employee**

**Year 2014 was a challenge for hiring  
seasonal worker to mow and weed eat.  
Most of the summer they worked with  
2 men short.**



# Park Department

- ▣ New doors, interior paint, exterior paint, and lights at 4H Rest Restrooms.
- ▣ New doors installed at the Shelter House
- ▣ Concession House re-screened and painted
- ▣ Built 10 new covers for trash barrels
- ▣ Build 3 new caddy's for golf clubs.
- ▣ Repaired Curly Slide.
- ▣ Installed new playground equipment
- ▣ Replaced serving doors on Lions Concession Stand.
- ▣ Painted exterior of Concession Stand and Zoo Restrooms
- ▣ Westar volunteered and install three phase wiring to the Carousel.



# Built new table tops, serving tables, and benches for Shelter House.





# **Raised funds for the Renovations of Logan Fountain.**





# Repaired/ Refurbished Carousel



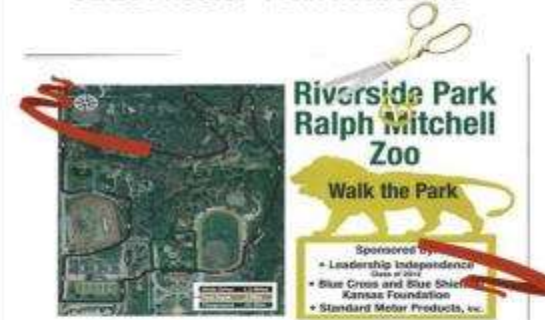


# Leadership Independence installed walking trail signs in the park and zoo



THE INDEPENDENCE  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
INVITES YOU TO A  
**Ribbon Cutting**

HONORING  
LEADERSHIP INDEPENDENCE 2014  
CLASS PROJECT - PARK TRAIL SIGNS



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH  
3:00 PM  
RIVERSIDE PARK  
(BEHIND THE SHELTER HOUSE BY THE LARGE TRAIL SIGN)





# Activities in the Park & Zoo

- Easter Egg Hunt
  - Park Opening
  - Relay for Life
  - 4<sup>th</sup> of July
  - 4H Fair
  - Indy Goes Back to School
  - Yona Julian Fun Run
  - Blake Birdie Triathlon
  - Zoolloween
  - German Fest
  - Neewollah Fun Run
  - Neewollah Chili Cookoff
  - Neewollah Band Competition
  - High School Community Service
- \*Christmas in the Park
  - \*Logan Fundraiser
  - \*Amazon Picnic
  - \* CST Company Picnic
  - \*Drive by Flu Shots
  - \*MidContinent BandConcerts
  - \*Astra – Concert
  - Inge Statue Unveiling.



# School Visits

25+ School Visited from surrounding areas including

- Bartlesville Headstart
  - Oklahoma Union
  - Lincoln Elementary
  - Community Elementary
  - Park School
  - McCune Elementary
  - Elk Valley Elementary
  - Erie Elementary
  - Marmaton Valley Elementary
  - Galesburg Elementary
  - Richard Kane Elementary
  - Sedan Elementary
  - Cherryvale Elementary
  - Welch Elementary
  - Copan Elementary
  - Tyro School
  - Zion Luthern School
  - St. Andrew School
  - Jefferson & Eisenhower Schools
  - Independence Bible School
  - Mound Valley Elementary
  - Many More
- Bartlesville, OK
  - S. Coffeyville, OK
  - Caney, KS
  - Coffeyville, KS
  - Columbus, KS
  - McCune, KS
  - Longton, KS
  - Erie, KS
  - Moran, KS
  - Galesburg, KS
  - Bartlesville, OK
  - Sedan, KS
  - Cherryvale, KS
  - Welch, OK
  - Copan, OK
  - Tyro, KS
  - Independence, KS
  - Independence, KS
  - Independence, KS
  - Independence, KS
  - Mound Valley, KS



# Weddings

- 10 Weddings and or Receptions at
  - Gazebo
  - Shelter House
  - Lone Chief
  - 4H Building

The fountain was not in operation this past year.



# Talks given to various organizations

- Barb gave a talk on park improvements to the Optimist Clubs.
- Rachel gave a presentation to the Rotary Club on the Fountain.
- Rachel gave a talk to the AARP Group regarding park projects.
- Barb gave a talk to the PEO DH Chapter on park improvements.
- Katie gave talk at All About Kids and Four County.
- Katie gave talk at the First Friday
- Barb gave a talk at Muffin's on Main Street.

Katie, Rachel and Jim Duke did 17 zoo tours to schools.





# Park Rentals and Usage

In 2014 Park facility rentals generated \$16,298.00 and the Concession Stand generated \$1,548.00. There was a 4.6% increase in building use from last year.

| 2014      | Entire 4-H Bldg | Small Dining Room & Kitchen | Large Room | East Open Bldg | Middle Open Bldg | Shelter House | Lone Chief | Concession House | Rock Kitchen |
|-----------|-----------------|-----------------------------|------------|----------------|------------------|---------------|------------|------------------|--------------|
| January   | 4               | 2                           | 0          | 0              | 0                | 2             | 4          | 0                | 0            |
| February  | 1               | 1                           | 3          | 0              | 0                | 1             | 4          | 0                | 0            |
| March     | 3               | 6                           | 1          | 0              | 0                | 6             | 4          | 0                | 0            |
| April     | 5               | 0                           | 0          | 3              | 1                | 8             | 6          | 6                | 6            |
| May       | 7               | 4                           | 2          | 5              | 3                | 13            | 8          | 10               | 8            |
| June      | 8               | 3                           | 0          | 11             | 6                | 14            | 7          | 7                | 6            |
| July      | 6               | 2                           | 0          | 3              | 1                | 10            | 5          | 5                | 4            |
| August    | 11              | 1                           | 0          | 5              | 4                | 11            | 2          | 4                | 1            |
| September | 8               | 0                           | 1          | 7              | 4                | 12            | 6          | 4                | 8            |
| October   | 5               | 4                           | 3          | 3              | 2                | 13            | 5          | 1                | 3            |
| November  | 2               | 7                           | 2          | 0              | 1                | 6             | 8          | 1                | 1            |
| December  | 9               | 1                           | 4          | 0              | 0                | 0             | 7          | 0                | 0            |
|           |                 |                             |            |                |                  |               |            |                  |              |
|           | 69              | 31                          | 16         | 37             | 22               | 96            | 66         | 38               | 37           |
|           |                 |                             |            |                |                  |               |            |                  |              |

Does not include free events; such as Montgomery County 4-H Fair, Neewollah chili cook off, charity fun runs, Relay for Life, FORPAZ park opening, Municipal Band concerts, tennis practice, etc.

# Park rides for 2014

| Ride               | Dollars Generated | Tickets Sold * |
|--------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Carousel           | \$ 311.65         | 6,233          |
| Carousel -Donation | \$ 1,464.23       | 29,284         |
| Train              | \$ 7,438.75       | 29,755         |
| Golf               | \$12,223.00       | 12,223         |
| Total              | \$21,437.63       | 77,495         |





# Zoo

## New Animals

Pair of White Peacocks - Donated by Heartland Coach

Two Raccoons

Capuchin - Born April

Bison - Born April

Wood Duck

## Donations

Sand from Independence Ready Mix for Donkey Exhibit - 10 Tons

Paint & Supplies for Wallaby Barn from Sherwin Williams

## Exhibit Improvements

Built fire hose and exhibit furniture for Bobcat, Spider Monkeys, Raccoons, Porcupine, Macaws, and all Monkey off exhibit areas.

## Hoofstock

Purchased Hay Ring & Spike for use of large round bales.



# Zoo

- New Sugar Glider exhibit and location
- Painted Wallaby Barn, Steven's Building , Off Exhibit Interior
- Kiddy Land - Installed new water line & hydrants, New drain line
- Hoofstock Area – Installed new line and hydrant to Deer Pen.
- Built catch facilities for llamas.
- Built Blow Dart Guns for closer range for immobilization of dangerous animals.
- Added small fence wire to wallabies exhibit so babies can be outside .
- Built new Wallaby Shelter
- Built new retaining wall in ravine to  
Stop erosion by bear exhibit.





# ZOO



- Raised \$4,400 during the Zoo's first Zoolloween. Est attendance 1,500
- Donation box and feeder money in the zoo collected \$2,242.00
- Had 6 Volunteers contribute 490 hours of service
- Had 1 Internship for Summer
- Repaired/Rebuilt & Painted 5 gates connecting exhibit areas.
- Rebuilt side gates & replaced top of Bobcat Exhibit Run.
- Joined ISIS (International Species Information System).



## ralph mitchell zoo presents zoolloween

come trick-or-treat at the zoo!

Saturday, October 4, 5:30-7:30

Rain date: Sunday, October 5, 5:30-7:30

Admission \$2 (1 year and under free)

Adult Supervision required; candy bags not provided

Proceeds go towards Monkey Island renovations

Activities Include:

trick-or-treating

straw maze

face painting

pumpkin bowling

concessions available

After trick-or-treating, watch the ICC Pirates celebrate Homecoming

# Vet Tech Program

- 4<sup>th</sup> Year in the Program
- 12 Students in Program
- Assisted in Exhibit Enrichment.
- Helped shear the llamas.
- Learned and helped with Zoo Activities.





# CPM Graduation

Katie Southworth and Rachel Lyon completed their  
Certified Public Manager's Program  
in November.



# Utilities

Terry Lybarger, Utilities Director





# Sewer Collection

- Replaced 230 feet of drain line at Kiddy Land
- Cleaned 71,943 feet of sewer main line
- Installed new lift station on N. 24th St.
- Repaired 1 sewer main line
- Replaced backhoe
- Completed construction of Southeast Liftstation
- Applied for \$500,000 in CDBG funds for sanitary sewer work (received notice of award in January, 2015).
- Contracted for and completed video inspection of Sanitary Sewer Basin #5.

08/29/2014

# Sewer Treatment

- Due to the harsh environment, painting is a continual necessity in various areas of the plant, in particular, the influent headworks; this due to the always present hydrogen sulfide gas from the influent. Even with the efficient make-up air system which introduces fresh outside air the combination of a high moisture content and the low level hydrogen sulfide makes for a very harsh environment for metal and concrete. This situation requires continual monitoring and painting of the various pipes, supports and walls.
- In 2014 the plant's belt filter press processed 93 tons of bio-solids. These processed bio-solids after being tested to be sure it met with EPA parameters were spread on cropland in the area of the plant. This process provides the cropland with nutrients and provides the city with an economical means of disposal.

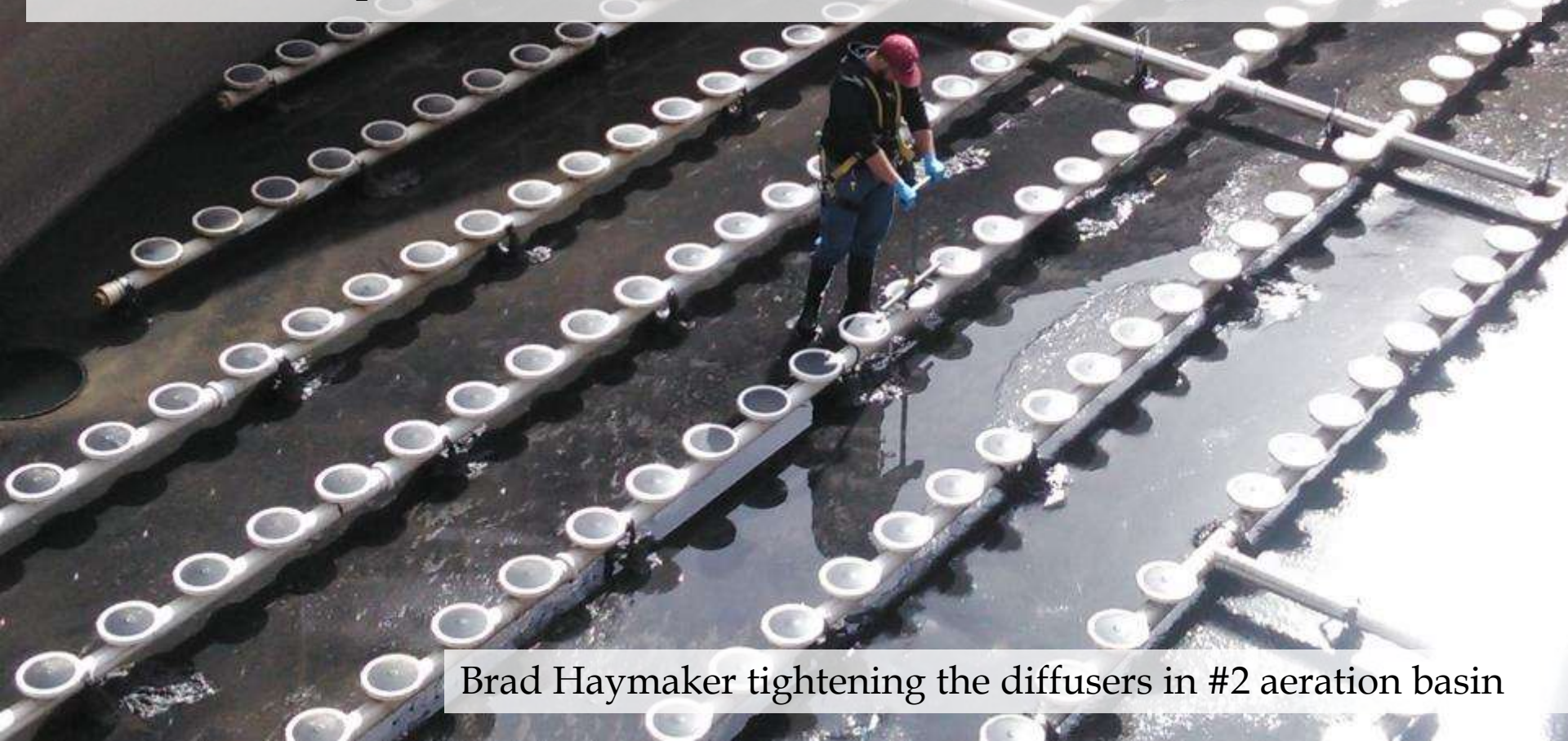


**An estimated 474,800,000 gallons of wastewater were treated at the wastewater treatment plant in 2014. \$1,946,856 in revenue was generated from sewer fees in 2014.**



## Sewer Treatment

The largest project for 2014 was the annual draining, cleaning and servicing of the (2) one million gallon aeration basins. This requires the men to climb down to the bottom deck, then remove debris from the (4) air supply droplegs to the fine bubble air diffusers. The (1015) separate diffusers in each basin require individual inspection and tightening of each unit. Debris is removed from the diffuser mounting brackets which support the diffuser air plumbing. The debris is then lifted out of the basin and deposited into the plant grit dumpster to be taken by the Sanitation Department to the area landfill.



Brad Haymaker tightening the diffusers in #2 aeration basin



# Water Distribution

- Installed 3,960 feet of 2" water line at Main and Cement, 24th and Myrtle, Kiddy Land at the Park, East Main for the welcome to Independence sign, and Southeast Lift Station.
- Repaired 153 water main leaks
- Set 10 new water services
- Performed 1,536 water and sewer line locates
- Purchased one ton truck
- Received bids for water line replacement on South 10th from Main to the railroad tracks
- Performed annual fire hydrant flushing and testing program.
- Participated in Neewollah cleanup.



# Water Treatment

- F.D. & EMS toured the water plant for Emergency Response Training
- Tier II report complete and filed.
- Repaired #1 filter control
- Replaced Power board in 920 VFD Airport pump.
- Calibrated Low Service Flow Meter
- Repainted 17th Street Pump Station
- Cathodic Protection Systems inspected all tanks good shape
- South lagoon cleaned
- Repaired trusses and installed new metal roof on mower shed
- Shutdown College Tower for cleaning, inspection and repainting.

# Water Treatment

- Removed all dry Alum feeders
- North Lagoon cleaned
- Started feeding liquid alum
- Installed new mixing tank for liquid alum
- Replaced Motor on west lime pump
- Replaced input card for clear well level
- Replaced Foxboro level transmitter for clear well level
- Replaced output card to chlorine feeders and calibrated
- College Tower back in service 9-10
- Replaced Hydraulic motor on clarifier turbine drive
- Replaced hydraulic motor on N/W slow mix drive
- Set Liquid Alum day tank and chemical feed pump.
- Taylor Crane loaded Carbon tank for shipping



# Water Treatment



**The water treatment plant treated 601,630,000 gallons of water in 2014. The City was in compliance with all water quality treatment standards. 572,387,000 gallons were pumped into the City to be sold which generated \$1,318,968 in revenue.**